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DIAGRAM OF BERLIN S-BAHN WITH OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS. (2 pp; German; [redacted])

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The first page of the document is a [redacted] diagram of the network of the Berlin S-Bahn (Berlin electrified intra-urban railroad). It is issued by the Reichsbahn Directorate Berlin either as an appendix to or in lieu of the "La" booklet (list of temporarily ordered low-speed sections) for the period from 23 September to 6 October 1951. Besides the rail network and the abbreviation of each station the list indicates the sections of track on which trains have to slow down (indicating speed limit and time lost) and where they have to cross over to the "wrong" track, e.g. while the proper track is under repair.

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Page 2 is [redacted] instructions pertaining to train operations "on sight". An S-Bahn train may proceed on sight if a signal is out of order or shows the aspect Sv3 (Stop. Proceed only with special care.) for an unusually long time. (More specific details are given.) Operation on sight means that the train speed has to be kept in accordance with line and visibility conditions within a range permitting safe stopping of the train under all circumstances. This varies between walking speed and maximum scheduled speed, in darkness or inclement weather between walking speed and a maximum speed of 20 kilometers per hour, in a tunnel between walking speed and 10 kilometers per hour. A train operating on sight may approach another train up to a distance of 35 meters. Several other instructions regulate the special duties of the train personnel during operation on sight and also the duration of such operation.

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